

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 80-47

AN ORDER AMENDING THE PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE
FOR THE DISCHARGERS NAMED BELOW

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region finds that:

1. The following NPDES Permits were issued on August 21, 1979 and contain expiration dates of September 30, 1980 in anticipation that final guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency for Steam Electric Power Plants would be promulgated by the latter date:

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>NPDES Permit No.</u>
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.		
Avon Power Plant	79-98	CA0004871
Martinez Power Plant	79-99	CA0004049

2. The Environmental Protection Agency has not promulgated, at this time, the final guidelines concerning the reissuance of NPDES permits for Steam Electric Power Plants in accordance with the schedule at 40 CFR 122.12.
3. On August 13, 1980 the Pacific Gas and Electric Company sent a letter to the Regional Board requesting an extension of the expiration dates in their Avon and Martinez Power Plants Permits. Their request was based on the lack of change in the regulations and guidelines as discussed in Finding 2.
4. The permits listed in this Order contain a hearing reopening provision that allows for the modification or, alternatively, revocation and reissuance prior to the existing expiration dates in the permits when the Environmental Protection Agency promulgates the final guidelines for Steam Electric Power Plant discharge.
5. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the California Water Code require that permits be issued for fixed terms not exceeding five (5) years.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the NPDES Permit expiration dates contained in the above Orders are amended to read:

"This Order expires December 31, 1981 and the discharger must file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with Title 23, California Administrative Code, not later than 180 days in advance of such date as application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements."

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on October 6, 1980.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer